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1: Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. The Andaman Islanders: A Study in Social Anthropology. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1922.

Pp. xiv, 504; 20 plates, 2 maps

Yale: Nkd72 I314 922b

[The standard anthropological treatment of the Andaman Islanders, this book contains material on the social organization, ceremony, religious and magical beliefs, mythology, and material culture of the area as well as background material. In addition, the author provides a functional interpretation of the customs, beliefs, and myths of the people. The final portion of the book attempts, in part, to say something about the archaic culture of the group by comparing their material culture with that of similar groups. --Analyst]

Field date: 1906-1908
Analyst: James Leary

Evaluation: Social Anthropologist-5
Processed in 1957

2: Man, Edward Horace. On the Aboriginal Inhabitants of the Andaman Islands. London: The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, 1932.

Pp. xxxii, 256; 17 plates; 1 folded map; preface; index.

Yale: Nkd72 I314 883mb

[Originally published in 1885, this work is a basic study on the Andaman Islanders. Written by a government official who was in charge of public homes for the natives, the book covers most aspects of their material and non-material culture, as well as the physical anthropology of the people. There is an additional article in the rear of the book, Report of Researches into the Language of the South Andaman Island, written by Alexander J. Ellis, using the materials of E. H. Man and R. C. Temple. This article was originally published in the Transactions of the Philological Society, 1882-3-4, pp. 44-73. The article has been repaginated pp. 225-256 for technical reasons. --Analyst]

Field date: 1869-1880
Analyst: James Leary

Evaluation: Government official-5
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3: Temple, Richard C. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Census of India, 1901, Vol. 3, pp. 1-137. Calcutta: Office of the Superintendent of Government Printing, India, 1903.

Pp. xi, 137; 1 plate; 3 charts; 11 maps.

Yale: Nak30 A901 + Bv.3

[A Census of India Report, written by a government official, this work has as its primary purpose an enumeration of the inhabitants of the Andaman Islands. Thus, portions of the text deal with the methods whereby the census was carried out, and diaries of the census parties. There is a good descriptive section on the geography of the area, and a concise chapter on ethnography. The final portion of the text consists of a study of Andamanese grammar. --Analyst]

Field date: 1901
Analyst: James Leary

Evaluation: Government Official-5
Processed in 1957

4: Guha, B.S. Report of a Survey of the Inhabitants of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands during 1948-49. Bulletin of the Department of Anthropology, Vol. 1, Pp. 1-7. Delhi: Manager of Publications, 1953.

7 plates containing 16 photographs; bibliography.

Yale: Nkl0 In2 1 [1]

[This is a discursive, superficial report of brief observations made in the course of an attempted anthropological survey of the Andaman Islands. Perhaps the most valuable information provided is the scattered data on settlement patterns and the population composition of local groups. Evidently some extensive interviewing was conducted with available informants, and various biological data and field specimen were collected, but very little concrete information about these is included in this report. Also, despite the title, no data at all are presented concerning the Nicobarese. One especially interesting item is the passing mention on pp. 5-6 of a village of 400 Karen who migrated from Bassein to the Andamans in 1924. --Analyst]

Field date: 1948-1949
Analyst: Robert O. Lagacé

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1962.

5: Sarkar, S.S. Blood Groups from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Bulletin of the Department of Anthropology, Vol. 1, pp. 25-30. Delhi: Manager of Publications, 1953.

1 diagram; 1 plate containing 8 photographs; bibliography.

Yale: Nk10 In2 1 [1]

[Blood groups were obtained from 196 individuals representing 4 tribal groups: the Onges (34), Jarawas (4), and Andamanese (22) of the Andaman Islands, and the Nicobarese (136). No sampling techniques seem to have been used, and except for the Jarawa cases (all siblings), no specific genealogical data are provided. The Nicobarese data are particularly interesting on two counts: first, for the high frequency of type O; and second, for the segregation and comparison of blood groups from individuals who contracted infantile paralysis during a recent epidemic with those of individuals who were not affected. Comparative data are included from earlier sources on these tribes and from other Oceanic and Southeast Asian peoples, and the author draws some historical inferences concerning racial affiliations and population migrations and mixtures.--Analyst]

Field date: 1948 Evaluation: Physical Anthropologist-5
Analyst: Robert O. Lagacé Processed in 1962

6: Cipriani, Lidio. Hygiene and Medical Practices among the Onge (Little Andaman), Anthropos, Vol. 56, pp. 481-500, Posieux (Freiburg), Switzerland: Anthropos-Institut, 1961.

8 plates

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[This study of the hygiene and medical practices among the Onge is based on the author's participant observations in 1951-53. Hygienic conditions related to habitation, clothing, food and personal care are discussed together with their illnesses and curative methods. --Analyst]

Field date: 1951-1953
Analyst: Hesung C. Koh

Evaluation: Social Anthropologist-5'
Processed in 1962

7: Sarkar, S. S. Onge Population and Settlements. Anthropos, Vol. 55, pp. 561-563, Posieux (Freiburg): Anthropos-Institut, 1960.

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/This source provides information on the composition of the Onge population and location of settlements. The author also comments on and criticizes the methods of census taking used./

Field date: 1948
Analyst: Joan Steffens

Evaluation: Physical Anthropologist-4,5
Processed in 1963, 1965

8: Heine-Geldern, Robert, editor and Anna Hohenwart-Gerlachstein, associate editor. Andaman Islands, in, A Special List of Tribes of Primitive Hunters and Food-Gatherers. Bulletin of the International Committee on Urgent Anthropological and Ethnological Research, No. 1. pp. 13-47. Vienna, 1958.

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/Only pp. 23-30 have been processed for this file./

/This source reviews the field work done in the area and lists the published material. Some demographic material is also included./

Field date: no date
Analyst: Joan Steffens

Evaluation: Ethnologists-4
Processed in 1963, 1965

9: Sarkar, S.S. The Jarawa of the Andaman Islands. Anthropos, Vol. 57, pp. 670-677. Freiburg (Switzerland): Paulusdruckerei for the Anthropos-Institut, 1962.

4 text figures (including 1 map); bibliography.

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/This source is a synthesis of what few data are available on the Jarawa of the Andaman Islands (including the North Sentinel and South Andaman Jarawa), obtained from the writings of other authors, and from Sarkar's own field observations made on two separate but very brief trips to the Jarawa area in 1948. On these field trips the author never actually came into face-to-face contact with any of the Jarawa, but instead recorded his observations on their material culture from the artifacts left behind by these people in their travels--tools, weapons, containers, rafts, shelters, etc. Frequent references are made throughout the text to the government's method of dealing with Jarawa raiding activities (via punitive expeditions against them), and the author makes several suggestions as to possible ways and means of

9: Sarkar, S.S.

improving relationships with these people (e.g. air-dropping of gifts, etc.). /

Field date: 1948
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Physical Anthropologist-5
Processed in 1965

10: Sen, Probhat Kumar. Land & Peoples of the Andamans: A Geographical & Socio-Economical Study with a Short Account of the Nicobar Islands. Calcutta: The Post-Graduate Book Mart, 1962.

Pp. xix, 197; foreword; preface; 17 maps and diagrams; 10 photographic plates; bibliography; index.

Yale: DS491 A5 S45.

/Only the introductory material (5 pp.), pp. i-xix, and 1-76 have been processed for this file./

/This source provides a very thorough survey of the physical geography of the Andaman Islands--location and topography, climate, geology, soils, vegetation and mineral resources, and in addition presents a general cultural summary of the various aboriginal groups inhabiting these islands, such as the Jarawa, Onge, Andamanese, and Sentinelese. In these pages the author also presents a brief summary of Andaman culture history which he divides into four periods, that prior to 1788--the period of seclusion and piratical

10: Sen, Probhat Kumar.

disturbances, 1788-1942--the British regime, 1942-1945 the Japanese regime, and the Post Independence Period following 1945.

This work was originally written in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the degree of Master of Science at Calcutta University, and has been further supplemented for publication with additional updated material. /

Field date: ca. 1955
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Geographer-3,4
Processed in 1965

11: Cipriani, Lidio. The Andaman Islanders. Edited and translated by D. Tayler Cox assisted by Linda Cole. New York, Washington: Frederick A. Praeger, Publishers, 1966.

Pp. xiv, 159; 12 plates (19 photographs); 1 map.

Yale: Nkd72 I314 966Cg. DLC: DS491.A5C513. DLC card no.: 66-20312.

[After a review of the history of contacts between the Andaman Islanders and outside peoples the author gives a lengthy and detailed description of the topography, flora, and fauna of the islands. The book contains only a modest amount of data on physical anthropology and archeological sites, few and very generalized data on the culture and society of the Andamanese, but many conjectural statements. Most of the firsthand material on the Andamanese here refers to the Onge of Little Andaman, since the author was unable to visit the Jarawa of Great Andaman. The editor first saw this material after Cipriani's death and some misapprehensions of the author's intent may have crept in.]

Field date: 1951-1955
Analyst: Sigrid Khera

Evaluation: Ethnologist-3
Processed in 1967